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Summary Information

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Biographical Note

William Mitchell was born December 9, 1840, to Perley and Phebe Mitchell, near Bloomingdale, Parke County, Indiana. In the fall of 1861, he enlisted in Company I, 31st Volunteer Infantry Regiment at Terre Haute. William was transferred to Company D of the 8th Regiment of the Veteran Reserve Corp on September 30, 1863 while stationed at Chattanooga. The reason for his transfer was the fact that he suffered from inflammatory rheumatism in one leg. He was discharged on September 5, 1864 when his term of service expired. His leg was later amputated. Blood poisoning from the amputation caused his death on March 19, 1895. He is buried in New London, Howard County. In 1960, when this paper was written, William had two daughters and five sons living, but two daughters and three sons had died.

Scope and Contents

This 15-page typed manuscript was written by Kenneth S. Mitchell about his father, William Mitchell, who served in Company I, 31st Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and Company D, 8th Regiment of the Veteran Reserve Corps. He tells about medical care, food, weapons, and weather. On page 4, he reported on the Battle of Fort Donelson. The Battle of Shiloh, where he was wounded, is described on pages 5-6. Kenneth retypes family letters in the manuscript. The Battle of Murfreesboro or Stone River is described on pages 10-11. When William was transferred to the Veteran Reserve Corp on September 30, 1863, due to inflammatory rheumatism in one leg, he went to Chicago and guarded prisoners at Camp Douglas. On page 12, Kenneth wrote: "In later years this leg bothered him severely, even so much that the leg was amputated. Blood poison from the amputation was the cause of his death March 19, 1895." At the end of his paper, Kenneth lists family members who served in the military through the Korean War. On page 14, he gives facts about the Civil War.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged as paginated.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

- United States. Army. Indiana Infantry Regiment, 31st (1861-1865).
- United States. Army. Veteran Reserve Corps. Regiment, 8th (1863-1865).

Genre(s)

- Manuscript

Personal Name(s)

- Mitchell, William, 1840-1895

Subject(s)

- Fort Donelson, Battle of, Tenn., 1862
- Shiloh, Battle of, Tenn., 1862
- Stones River, Battle of, Murfreesboro, Tenn., 1862-1863